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6 October 1952

TO : AD/RR

FOR : [REDACTED] 25X1A9a

FROM : [REDACTED] 25X1C
25X1X7

SUBJECT: Report of Activities [REDACTED] to Date

1. In accordance with your instructions at the time I left [REDACTED] 25X1X7 I have been giving first priority to my work on the Briefing Program. There was a considerable backlog of partially completed briefs and unprocessed [REDACTED] 25X1X4 in [REDACTED] when I arrived. I have been 25X1X7 spending almost all my working hours in helping to clear up that backlog, with the result that we have been able to send a considerable volume of briefs and [REDACTED] 25X1X4 to Washington since my arrival here. As you know, these materials are being handled by [REDACTED] 25X1A9a office.

2. Apart from my work on the Briefing Program I have little to report, since there has been little time available for other activities. 25X1A9a I helped usher [REDACTED] 25X1X7 around [REDACTED] and was 25X1X7 present at their conferences with [REDACTED], and [REDACTED]

3. [REDACTED] 25X1A9a uncovered in the [REDACTED] 25X1X7 Library a 1947 Soviet Atlas which is not available [REDACTED] 25X1X7 In view of the brevity of his stay here, he asked me to follow through and try to arrange to have the volume photocopied so that a copy might be sent to you. [REDACTED] 25X1C8c has given me his personal approval to have the volume on a short loan for copying purposes, so you will be receiving a photostat copy in the near future. I think the gazetteer section of the volume may prove to be quite useful.

4. I have had a couple of brief conferences with [REDACTED] 25X1X7 head of [REDACTED] 25X1C8c I plan to continue these as regularly and as often as my work on the Briefing Program will permit, and will keep you informed of any developments in my contacts with him. He appears to be most anxious to have close relations with the various IAC components performing geographic intelligence research [REDACTED] 25X1X7 and to exchange project lists and copies of published reports with them. He is quite aware that the output of his very small staff does not bulk large in volume. He sees the ORR Projects List, which is received by [REDACTED] 25X1C8c and has asked about the possibility of receiving copies of some of the reports when they are published. At my suggestion, he is now preparing a list of the reports of which he would like copies. Incidentally, he is quite realistic about the security commitments governing some of our reports.

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For example, he indicated that he would like to have a copy of the report on "Status of Cartographic Activity in Saudi Arabia" but realized that it would probably not be releasable to [REDACTED]. It is my personal feeling that it is to our mutual advantage to be as liberal as possible in interpreting questions of releasability to [REDACTED] although I fully appreciate that there are some instances where release is impossible, and that all such decisions are matters of policy that must be settled in [REDACTED]

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5. It would be extremely helpful to me in my discussions with [REDACTED] if I could have a few details concerning the nature and scope of projects you are undertaking. You will appreciate that the mere title, as seen on the Projects List, is often very unenlightening. Information concerning details of the projects would also enable me to be on the lookout here for raw intelligence that you could use to good advantage in the finished report.

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6. I discussed with [REDACTED] the matter of [REDACTED]'s willingness to examine some of your reports in pre-publication draft form and to make comments and suggestions. He indicated that he would be very glad to do so at any time that you might wish it, but that you must be prepared to allow a reasonable length of time for such reviews, in consideration of the small size of his staff.

7. In the near future I shall report further details of the actual organizational set-up for geographic intelligence work within [REDACTED] and of [REDACTED] projects they now have underway.

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8. [REDACTED] have asked that I convey their personal regards to you.

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